

Connections
Membership Meeting
September 20, 2022
Attendance: 63
Zoom Attendance: 7
Recorder: Linda Bakian

Opening

Janet Daly welcomed members to Connections' first fall meeting. She presented Pastor Bruce Ballantine with a donation for the Church noting it covered insurance and meeting space. Janet thanked him for his support and Dana and Tom for their help. The pastor said he was glad Connections was at the Church and thanked the group for its contribution.

Membership Report

- Sue Steele announced there are now 194 members and introduced the new ones who were in attendance.

Treasurers Report

- Lee Atieh informed the group as of August 31, there is a balance of \$10,960 in the Connections' bank account. There were not many expenses in August.

Activity Leaders' Announcements

- Denise Santora reminded everyone about tomorrow's luncheon at Mezza Luna. She'd sent an email to all attendees confirming their reservation.
- Carolyn Seibel announced upcoming trips:
 - December 1: Bucks County Playhouse with lunch in Lambertville.
 - February 10: A Valentine's Day tea at the Harmony Tea House in Westwood
 - May or June: A Brooklyn Chocolate tour
- Donna Singer will hold two virtual training sessions for activity leaders on how to use Constant Contact.
- Brenda Brunelle has been giving Mah Jongg lessons to new players
- Sue Robertson sent in a report about the next hike to Lake Henry, in Mahwah, on Tuesday, September 27, at 10am.
- Donna Singer announced the Cooking Club will hold a luncheon in mid-October. She will schedule a Zoom meeting to plan for future activities. Marie Cestola asked if it would be possible to hold a potluck lunch at the Church. It will be discussed at the Zoom get together.
- Sue Cassel informed us eighty-nine members are signed up for the Movie Group, but only twenty to twenty-five show up at meetings. She needs a "Better handle" on the actual number of members and asked those who want to participate to

please contact her. Possible future activities are a visit to the Lafayette Theater in Suffern and a scheduled afternoon film. Sue Steele added a movie might be shown at the Church. She also told the group about the possibility of a speaker from the local IFC.

Speaker: The magician Professor Harry Hocus entertained the group.